Figure 1, A Hellenistic Oil Lamp (2nd century BCE), on the nozzle, a bearded face of Silenus. RTI Photo by Hanan Shafir, Discovered at Bethsaida 2014
Program

Thursday, November 9th, 2017, 7:30PM

Keynote:

Rami Arav, University of Nebraska at Omaha,
Richard Freund, University of Hartford, respondent

*The first 30 years of Bethsaida Excavations; what have we learned? Where should we proceed?*

*Figure 2, City Gate of Stratum VI, 11th to 10th centuries BCE. Photographed Hanan Shafir*
Friday, November 10th

9:00 – 10:00AM, Presider, Rami Arav

Richard Freund, University of Hartford

Seeking Mary: The 15 Years of the Scribante Family Excavations Project in Nazareth

10:00- 11:00 AM

Leonard Greenspoon, Creighton University

The Museum of the Bible: An Outsider’s Inside View

110:00 – 12:00

Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Jerusalem: Religion and the Representation of the Past

2:00 – 3:00, Presider, Richard Freund

Bridget Sandhoff, University of Nebraska at Omaha

A Rare Gold Earring from Bethsaida

3:00 – 4:00

Ian Darnell, MBDAQ, MPIA, CPP, Warwick, Australia

Pencil vs. Digital

4:00 – 5:00

Paul Williams, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Proverbs, Wisdom, and Social Ordering Processes; From Bethsaida to Congo and Beyond.
7:30 PM

Keynote

David Gurevich, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

*Water and Society: Jerusalem Water Installation during the Hasmonean and the Herodian Dynasties*
Saturday, November 11th

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Harry Jol, Richard Freund, Carl Savage, Marcela Zapata Meza, Maha Darawsha, Dina Shalem, Justin Lockhart and Barry Davis

Preliminary results from 2017 geophysical surveys at four northern Israeli sites: Nazareth, Magdala, El Araj and Peki’in

Harry Jol, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Why lake levels matter at archaeological sites along the Sea of Galilee: Insights from Kursi, El Araj, and Magdala?

10:00 – 11:00, Presider, Paul Williams

Richard Mataitis, Harry Jol, Richard Freund, Carl Savage, Justin Lockhart and Barry Davis

Coastal progradation and subsurface investigations at El Araj: An overview of the geomorphic story


Holocaust Geoarchaeology I: Trying to locate a mass burial at Fort VII, Kaunas, Lithuania


Holocaust Geoarchaeology II: Searching for mass execution trenches at Fort IX, Kaunas, Lithuania

11:00 – 12:00

Carl Savage, Drew University

The ‘Other Bethsaida’: Some Insights on El Araj from observations and recent GPR studies

2:00 – 3:00, Presider, Carl Savage

Andrea Garza Díaz Barriga, Centro de Investigación en Culturas de la Antigüedad
Money, an important piece of ancient economic development. Magdala coins, part of an archaeological context

3:00 – 4:00
Rosaura Sanz-Rincón, Centro de Investigación en Culturas de la Antigüedad, Mexico

The art of Magdala; an approach to understanding cultural context of Early Roman Galilee.

4:00 – 5:00
Dylan Campbell, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Minoan (Crete) religious symbols on seals pre and post Thera volcano Eruption

TYRE, TYCHE (THE FORTUNE CITY GODDESS) WEARING TURRETED CROWN, VEIL, AND EARRING, BEHIND PALM BRANCH, 1ST CENTURY BCE- 1ST CENTURY CE, discovered at Bethsaida 2014, Photographed Hanan Shafir